



BUSH ADMINISTRATION STRATEGY TARGETING ORGANIZED PIRACY

THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND HAS PROVIDED THE NECESSARY LEADERSHIP, THROUGHOUT THE ADMINISTRATION, TO ACCOMPLISH SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COUNTERFEITING AND PIRACY.

- Department of Homeland Security has recorded the largest ever bust for fake and counterfeit goods. Working together Customs and ICE agents arrested 29 individuals and seized goods totaling approximately \$700 Million.
- Recognizing China as the epicenter of counterfeiting and piracy the U.S. Embassy in Beijing held the first of its annual Ambassadors Roundtable on IP in 2002. These roundtables create dialogue between industry leaders, IP experts, and government officials to discuss the current state of counterfeiting and piracy within China.
- In 2004 the first IPR Attaché was placed in our Embassy in Beijing, China. Since then seven Attachés dedicated to IPR has been placed; including three Justice Department Legal Attachés totaling 10 in U.S. Embassies around the world.
- In 2005 the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office created the first Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA), a one of a kind education and training facility dedicated to educating and training foreign government officials on IPR protections and enforcement.
- In 2005 the Justice Department successfully extradited the first individual for IP related crimes. Maksym Vysochanskyy, a/k/a Maksym Kovalchuk, was extradited from Thailand, and plead guilty to charges of criminal copyright infringement, trafficking in counterfeit goods, and prohibited monetary transactions. He was sentenced in May 2006, and is currently serving 35 months in a federal prison.
- Operation “Summer Solstice” was the first ever joint investigation by U.S. federal law enforcement agencies working in conjunction with their Chinese counterparts. “Summer Solstice” resulted in 25 individual arrests and the seizure of counterfeit goods totaling over \$500 Million, the second largest seizure in monetary value.
- U.S. Trade Representative launched negotiations for an Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA), a first of its kind multi-lateral agreement dedicated to enforcing IP around the world.
- The Department of Justice announced the creation of the Intellectual Property Crimes Enforcement Network (IPCEN) for the Southeast Pacific region. IPCEN establishes a dedicated network of law enforcement officials specifically for IP crimes around the Southeast Pacific region.